

Laze language

Laze, rendered in Chinese as **Lare** (拉热)^[3] and **Shuitianhua** (水田话), is a language of the Naish subbranch of the Naic group of languages, spoken in Muli County, western Sichuan, China.

Laze is spoken by less than 300 fluent speakers in Xiangjiao township 项脚乡, Muli prefecture, Sichuan, China (Michaud & Jacques 2012).^[1]

Name

The name *Laze* (IPA: [lɑ˧ze˧]) is likely to be a place name.^[3]

Further reading

Publications are available on:

- an outline of Laze phonology, lexicon and grammar ^[4]
- Laze phonemes: vowels, consonants, syllable structure ^[5]
- the historical phonology of Laze, Na and Naxi ^[6]
- the Laze tone system ^[7]

Recordings in Laze are available from the Pangloss Collection (an online archive of languages).^[8]

Laze	
Muli Shuitian	
Pronunciation	lɑ˧ze˧
Native to	China
Region	Sichuan
Native speakers	300 (2012) ^[1]
Language family	Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lolo-Burmese or Qiangic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Naic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Naish<ul style="list-style-type: none">Laze
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	<i>None</i> (mis)
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